

since been looked into by the RBI and the security agencies,

(c) if so, the results thereof, and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Reserve Bank of India and the security agencies are seized of the issues pertaining to BCCI affairs. RBI has ordered a special audit of the accounts of the Bombay branch of BCCI and enquiries by the securities agencies are in progress.

Schemes for Development of national Highways In Kerala

1522. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved some schemes for development of National Highways in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the total length of the roads likely to be developed under these schemes and the amount earmarked therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Development and improvement of National Highways is a continuing process and works are undertaken keeping in view the traffic intensity, existing condition of National Highways, inter-se priority and availability of funds. During the 7th Five Year Plan and Annual Plan 1990-91 estimates amounting to Rs.54.96 crores and Rs.18.78 crores respectively were approved for the Development of National Highways in Kerala. For the

current year (1991-92), further schemes for the development of National Highways are in the Annual Programme at a cost of Rs.199.90 crores. In general, these various development schemes relate to the whole network of National Highways in Kerala (length about 940 km) for their phased improvement as per actual needs.

Share Taxi Service in Delhi

1523. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced share taxi service in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the extent to which it has been successful in easing the rush of passengers in D.T.C. buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme is open to any operator who is either holding DLT taxi permit or intends to hold one. The operator will have to register himself for a particular route and obtain the respective fare-chart of the route. This service will be operative from 8 to 11 A.M. and from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. During the rest of the time operators will be free to operate his taxi as metered taxi.

(c) The scheme was introduced on an experimental basis and its basic aim was to wean away people who were using personalised vehicles.

Export Promotion efforts at State level

1524. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the State Governments in export promotion and the existing organisational set-up in each State for the purpose;

(b) whether the Union Government have made any evaluation to know the deficiencies, if any, in the export promotion efforts at State level;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures contemplated by the Government to remove the deficiencies and to make the role of the State Governments more meaningful and purposeful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.CHIDAMBRAM): (a) The role of State Governments in export promotion is by way of providing land and sheds, making available inputs like raw material, power, water and exempting exports from State level taxes, etc. Various State Governments are promoting commodity exports through their Corporations. Some of them have set up export promotion cells for attending to the problems of exporters.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A Statement I is attached.

(d) A Statement II is attached.

STATEMENT-I

The Trade Development Authority prepared a paper on 'Role of State Governments In Export Promotion' which listed following deficiencies in export promotion at State level:

- i) Lack of institutional mechanism;
- ii) lack of trained manpower in

export promotion;

- iii) high level of taxation on export commodities;
- iv) restrictions on inter-State movement of raw materials required for export production;
- v) lack of infrastructural facilities like water, power and land required for export production.

STATEMENT - II

Commerce Ministry have advised the State Governments to:-

- (i) Create separate export promotion cell or directorate, set up apex level council with representatives from industry, trade, Export Promotion Council and Department of State and Central Government for discussing policy issues for export promotion at State level.
- (ii) Not to impose taxes on goods meant for export.
- (iii) Not to impose restriction on inter-state movement of raw materials required for export production.
- (iv) provide infrastructural facilities like power, land and water.
- (v) Appoint suitable Officers as Secretaries in the Department of Industry who could be entrusted with export promotion matters, for a

reasonable tenures to ensure continuity.

- (vi) Create Board of Trade comprising representatives of the State Governments and trade and industry.
- (vii) Set up export houses as joint ventures with private sector partners.

Indo-Yugoslavia Joint Ventures.

1525. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Indo-Yugoslavia Joint Ventures have been established;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have explored the possibility of the expansion of Indo-Yugoslavia trade; and

(d) if so, the action initiated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) There is only one Indian Joint Venture in Yugoslavia promoted by M/s. Usha Martin Black Ltd. Calcutta, for manufacture of steel wire. The

Joint Venture commenced its operation in September 1982 and the validity of its agreement has been extended upto 25th April 1992.

(c) and (d) Various efforts are being made to expand bilateral trade with Yugoslavia. These interalia include expansion and diversification of the basket of goods traded, encouraging participation in Trade Fairs and Exhibitions, exchange of commercial and business delegations.

Sericulture Training Institutes

1526. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sericulture Training Institutes in the country and their locations;

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh being at second position in production of Sericulture has no such Institute; and

(c) if so, whether the Govt. proposes to establish a Sericulture Institute in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The Central Silk Board has established the following main Sericulture Research & Training Institute for Research & Development and Training in the Mulberry & Non- Mulberry Sectors:-